

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, December 17, 1730.

Wye's Letter Verbatim, London, Decem. 12.

No Foreign Mails this Post.

TH.E. Contention, as mentioned in our last, still continuing between Governor Belcher and the House of Representatives of New England, in relation to the fixing a Salary, 'tis thought, especially if those Representatives persevere in their stubbornness, that this Affair will be laid before the British Parliament. His Excellency, in his Speech which he made to them on that important Subject the 2d of October last, amongst other things declared, "That he must tell them again, that he had the Honour of being often with his Majesty's Ministers, and attended very diligently at all the public Offices through which the Affair before them had passed; and assured them, from the best Information, and from the most critical Observations he could make, nothing had prevented a Parliamentary Proceeding against them the last Winter, but the King's being willing to give them one more Opportunity to shew their Duty and Gratitude, by doing what is so just and reasonable; and also acquainted them, that he had the strongest Reason to fear, they have so few Friends amongst the King's Ministers, or in either House of Parliament, and that a Proceeding in a Way the King says their final Non-compliance must bring it to, will bring into the utmost Hazard everything that is dear to the Good People of that Country."

Yesterday an Express arrived from the Earl of Chesterfield at Holland, and another from his Excellency Mr. Keene, his Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at the Court of Spain. We know not the Contents of the Dispatches; but 'tis reported, amongst other Matters, that the last named Minister has made Complaints on the Spaniards having shut up their Communication with Gibraltar. And according to some Accounts, they threaten, not only not to deliver the Effects of the *Florilla*, but even to make use of them in prosecuting the War with the Emperor, in case they should be abandoned by

their Allies.

A Patent is passing the Seals, constituting and appointing the Bishop of Durham Lord Lieutenant of that County. The Lord Chancellor has lately decreed the Sum of 1. 10,000 to be paid to Brigadier General Stewart, by the Executors of the late General Stewart. On Thursday last, died at his Seat in Essex, the Hon. Sir John Ayloff, and is succeeded by Joseph Ayloff of Lincoln's Inn Esq; Barrister at Law.

As to the Accounts mentioned in our last from the Devises and Bristol of the Incendiaries; particularly with relation to the Villain that set Fire to Mr. Packer's House, 'tis said by some here, that the Depositions which have been taken concerning him, are come to the Secretaries of State; and that a special Commission will be sent forthwith to Bristol, for trying that heinous Offender and his Accomplices: But notwithstanding these Discoveries, which are said to be made, we had Letters by the Post Yesterday from the Country, advising, that the Incendiaries still continued their vile Practices; particularly at Chester, Liverpool and Hull.

The *St. George* Merchant Ship arrived in the River from Lisbon, brings News, that on the 2d Inst. N. S. the home-ward bound *Bahia* Fleet, consisting of 36 Sail, arrived in the Tagus, having on board 15 Million of Crusadoes in Gold and Silver, besides vast Quantities of Sugar, Tobacco, Hides, and other Merchandises. The East India Company is in Pain for one of their home ward bound Ships, named the *Francis*, there having been no News of her for some time past; so that the Insurance on her is risen to 6 per Cent. A great Cause is now hearing before the Lord Chief Justice Raymond at Guildhall, between the chief Merchant of the Settlements in Africa, and the African Company, relating to the ill Usage the former met with there; the Jury consists of the most eminent Merchants of this City; but it being an Affair of great Consequence, will last so late, that we cannot send you the Particulars.

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From the Weekly Journal, Decem. 12.

Extract of a private Letter from Paris.

The Answer that was expected from England is at last arrived, the Subject of which is differently talked of in Town; but those who should know best, assure us that it is as follows: 'That the English Court is determined, as they have always been, faithfully to fulfill their Engagements entered into by the Seville Treaty, and for that very Purpose, all the Troops, as well National as others in their Pay, are kept in Readiness to execute whatever may be concerted by the Allies; but it on the part of England a greater Number of Forces should be demanded than she has now at Disposal, then she must wait the Opening of the next Sessions of Parliament, to have their Agreement, whether they be for raising new Levies, or for taking more Troops into their Pay, for which they must be assured of the necessary Subsidies.'

We cannot tell whether the Marquis de Castellaer will be satisfied with this Answer, as favourable as it may seem; but we may expect to know in a few Days, because a Conference is to be held on the Subject. However, 'tis possible the Affairs of Europe may take another Turn, wherein the Seville Treaty, tho' now the most popular Topick, may be the last Thing thought of. This is in case of the King of Spain's Death, which is much feared, if it has not already happened, according to the Advices just now received from that Court.

'Tis remarkable, that at the same time I give you an Account of the bad Situation of the King of Spain's Health, and the Probability there is of his leaving the World, I have to acquaint you of the Talk of another Prince of that Blood his leaving the World in a political Sense, and that is the Duke of Orleans; who, they say, is premeditating an absolute Retirement, which had long been the Design also of the King of Spain; and yet these two Princes, had the King of France died without Children, must in spite of all their Religion have become Competitors for that Crown. From their Conduct we may gather what Notions those Princes must have of Happiness. 'Tis pretty plain, they find it not wholly in worldly Glories, in great Possessions, or in honourable Distinctions; and tho' there may be Fools in all Ages of different Complexions and Sentiments, yet wise Men will ever be sensible of the Vanity of such a Living. Agreeably hereto,

Solon defined Happiness to *Craesus* the proud King of *Lydia*, for which he at first counted him a Madman; but too soon he experienced the Truth of his Lessons, and in great Grief own'd, that *Solon* was a Man whose Conversation Kings ought to value more than all their Treasure and Magnificence. How far it is the Duty of a Prince, born to be the Father of his People, to take upon him the Care and Toil of Empire, is not my present Purpose to enquire. What Grounds there are for the Duke of Orleans's leaving the World, as 'tis termed here, is well enough known, That he has of a long Time given himself up to an extreme Devotion, and that some Days ago he voluntarily laid down his Charge of Colonel General of the Infantry of France.

London, Decem. 12. They write from Paris, that it appears by the Proceedings of the Marq. de Castellaer, that he has Instructions to bring Affairs to a speedy Determination one way or other. He alleges his Master was at great Expences last Summer, in equipping a Fleet; but who must pay the Expences? That's a Question that would puzzle a Mathematician. But as to the Treaty, they say all Treaties are not made with a Design to be execute.

From Poland, that a Company of Italian Comedians are gone thence to divert the Czarina. It is hoped the Nobility there will encourage them, in Imitation of some others, because they do not understand a Word they say.

From the London Gazette, Decem. 12.

Seville, Decem. 1. Their Catholick Majesties and all the Royal Family are in perfect Health at the Alcazar of this City. On the 25th past Arthur Stiert and John Goddard, Esqs. his Britannick Majesty's Commissaries, arrived here, and have been introduc'd to Signor Patinho by the British Minister at this Court.

From the Daily Post-Boy, Decem. 11.

Rome, Nov. 20. Letters from Benevento tell us, That Cardinal Coscia having writ a Letter thither, telling the Inhabitants he would soon come and reside among them; the People were all enraged, and made a Laughing-stock of him, whose Name in the last Pontificate, kept all in Awe, *What a Fall! Quantum mutatus ab illo! But will this teach Prime Ministers Humility?*

They talk here of all going in favours of Cardinal Fini. If this happens, we may say, *That a small*

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Matter will save a great Delinquent, tho' a great Matter will not save a little One. National Plunderers come off almost Scot-free; while little Pilferers go to Pot. Is not this an Encouragement to ruin Nations?

However, 'tis certain none of these Persons can expect any Encouragement from th' Imperial Ministers; Vienna being now of an Humour to coax, and not to clash with Rome. Men should look before they leap to Refuge, lest a reciprocal Claw thou me, and I will claw thee, may not reign in both Courts.

Hague, Decem. 15. The States of Holland met again Yesterday. The State of the War for the ensuing Year was carried to their H. Mightinesses Assembly on Wednesday Morning, by the Council of State in a Body, in order to be sent to the respective Provinces.

Paris, Decem. 16. The Palace of St. Germain en Laye has been fitting up and repairing for some Time past, and is now actually furnishing, in order for some Prince's Residence, but we can't learn who.

Cadix, Nov. 27. On the 20th sailed hence the *E. Edinburgh*, Capt. Gibbs, for San Lucar.

From the Evening Post, Dec. 12.

Venice, Dec. 2. The last Letters from Constantinople advise, that his Sublime Highness has drawn twenty Millions out of his Treasury, to be employed on the special Occasions of the Empire; has relieved his Subjects of several Taxes, and has promised a great Reward for the Delivery of the Bodies of the late Musti and Aga of the Janizaries, who are now found to have made their Escapes.

Hanover, Dec. 8. An Ordinance has been lately published here from the King of Great Britain, our Sovereign, dated the 15th past, whereby the Subjects of this Electorate are discharged of the Tax laid on them for the Support of the late Dutchess Dowager of Brunswick Lunenburg, at the End of this Year: 'Tis thought several other Taxes will be likewise abolished in a short Time.

Stockholm, Nov. 29. The King has sent an Express to Baron Sparr, his Minister at the Court of Great Britain, upon the Dispatches communicated to his Majesty by the Count de Casteja, on the part of France, with Orders to repair to the French Court without Delay, there to execute a certain Commission; which coming to the Ear of the Minister above mentioned, his Excellency went immediately to wait on his Majesty, and declared to him, that the King his Master would fulfill all the Engagements with the Crown of Sweden, and pun-

ually pay the stipulated Subsidies; That the Sum in Arrears was already remitted, by the Way of Amsterdam, in hopes his Swedish Majesty would keep always ready to march the Troops with which he has engaged to furnish the Crown of France upon Occasion. Most of the Deputies are already arrived to assist at the next General Diet, and the rest expected before Christmas, where it will be considered, among other Matters, by what Means to make Silver circulate better throughout the Kingdom. The Discourse revives of his Majesty's Journey next Year into Germany.

Leghorn, Nov. 25. Last Sunday Cardinal Massei arrived here from Marseilles, and proceeded on his Journey by Land to Rome. The Rebels of Corsica continue fortifying themselves in the Mountains, filling their Magazines, and augmenting their Troops, to enter the Field next Spring.

Dublin, Dec. 5. The French Officers who are at present here, are now quiet, and have not insisted any Men of late; but one Ferral, (who calls himself a Captain) who was some Months past committed to Newgate for hiring Men for foreign Service, has not been brought to any Trial, nor is yet known what will be done with him.

Extract of a Letter from Dunkirk, Dec. 17. 1739.
(Published by the Writers for the Ministry)

Colonel Lascelles, the British Commissary for inspecting the Demolition of the new Works erected by our Burghers, came hither about the Middle of March last, and met here the Chevalier de Blandiniere, who was appointed by the Most Christian King to execute his Order of the 27th of February last, for that Demolition, and was lately arrived from Paris. After some Time had been spent in viewing those Works, and debating what was to be raised, the Demolition began; but not being carried on to Colonel Lascelles's Satisfaction, Representations were made to the French Court; whereupon M. de la Blandiniere was sent for thither about the End of June, and M. Segent, Commissary at War and Engineer, was left here to perform that Service during his Absence, who having received fresh Orders from Court, the Demolition of the Jetées, erected by the Inhabitants on both Sides of the Chenal of Dunkirk, was carried on with great Application and Dispatch, under the joint Inspection of Mr. Lascelles and M. Segent, and they were intirely raised to the Level of the Strand, and the whole Work finished in the Beginning of last



last Month, to the full Satisfaction of Colonel Lascelles; the Consequence of which has been, that the Tides of Flood soon began to drive the Sand of the Sea into the Chenal, and to form Banks there, which have been encreasing ever since, and the Navigation up to the Town is thereby rendered dangerous; which has been instanced in the Case of one of our Ships, called the *Louis Quince*, that narrowly escaped being lost in coming up the Chenal, though she had partly unladen before she attempted it, and they were forced to take out the Cargo of the *Magdalene Galley*, another of our West India Ships, home ward bound, being the same that was mentioned in Taylor's Information, before they could venture to bring her up that Chenal. On Tuesday last, a Sloop of about 80 Tons, run upon one of those Banks; and was broke to Pieces; a Bylander or Hoy was likewise stranded near the same Place, and got off with much Difficulty. So that it is not doubted but the Chenal will in a little Time be intirely choak'd, and the Navigation of it will become utterly impracticable.

London, Decem. 12. The *Dantzick Merchant*, Jos. Raven Master, bound from Newcastle to Dantzic, was lately lost near Memmel, occasioned chiefly by the excessive Coldness of the Air, which froze her Sails so as to render them almost useless.

Last Thursday died at his Lodgings at Gatton, in the County of Surrey, Jeremiah Innes, Esq; Son of Sir Robert Innes, a Scots Baronet. And Monday next his Corpse is to be carried thence for Balveny in Scotland, to be inter'd in a Vault belonging to the Family.

Haddington, Decem. 11, 1730.

Best Wheat,	07 12 00.	2d, 07 04 00.	3d, 06 16 00
Best Bear,	05 02 00.	2d, 04 16 00.	3d, 04 12 00
Best Oats,	04 16 00.	2d, 04 14 00.	3d, 04 12 00
Best Pease,	03 04 00.	2d, 03 00 00.	3d, 02 16 00

Tomorrow (the 20th Day of the Moon) 'tis High Water at *Leith*, at 6 o'Clock, 15 Min. Saturday, at 7, 3 Min. Monday, at 8, 37 Min.

ADVERTISEMENT.

1731 That the Lands, Houses, Yards, &c. sometime belonging to JAMES YOUNG Merchant in Denny, lying in the Parish of Denny and Sheriffdom of Stirling, are to be exposed to Sale by publick Roup, upon the Second Day of February 1731, in the House of said JAMES YOUNG in Denny, either in Wholesale or in Parcels. The Rental, Progress of Writs, and Articles of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of James Oswald of Dryburgh, at his House in Denny, or James Henty Clerk of Airth. And the Creditors of said JAMES YOUNG who have not already given in their Claims, are desir'd to give in the same to James Club Merchant in Airth, or to said James Oswald,

That the Ship *The First Adventure* of Leith, 55 Tons Burthen, whereof the deceased James Groat was Master, is to be exposed to Sale by Publick Roup, upon Saturday the 9th Day of January next to come, 'twixt the hours of Two and Four in the Afternoon, in James Brodie's Coffeehouse in Leith. The Articles of Roup and Inventory of the Ship, are to be seen in the Hands of Cornelius Neilson, Son of Cornelius Neilson Merchant in Leith, and in the Hands of the said James Brodie.

By ADJOURNMENT,

By Order of the Trustees for the Creditors of THOMAS VEITCH, Surgeon in Edinburgh:

The TENEMENT adjoining to *Wilkie's Land* at the Back of the City-Guard, Edinburgh, lately pertaining to the said Thomas Veitch; which consists of Four Storeys, amounting to about 1000 Merks yearly Rent: IS, on Monday the Twenty-first December Inst. to be exposed to Sale by way of publick voluntary Roup, in the House of Mr. Herdman Vintner in Writer's court, betwixt the Hours of Three and Five in the Afternoon. The Rental, Progress, and Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of ROBERT PATERSON Writer in Edinburgh.

That the Lands and Barony of LATHRISK, lying in the Parish of Kettle and Sheriffdom of Fife, holden Taxward of the Crown, of the yearly Rent of 183 Bolls 2 Fir-lots Bear, 204 Bolls Oats, £ 794 04 08 Scots of Money, 18 Ells of Linen, 54 Hairs of Yarn, 32 Pounds of Butter, 20 Geese, and 60 Capons, besides 260 Hens and Chickens not rental'd; having thereon a WOOD that cut every 20th Year, and yields 1000 Merks, and is at present within 5 Years of cutting: Are to be exposed to Sale by a voluntary Roup, on Friday the 15th Day of January next, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon, within the House of Mr. Herdman, in the Writers Court, Edinburgh. There is a considerable Quantity of Marsh Grounds in this Estate very improvable, that may be drain'd at little or no Expence. The Conditions of Roup, Rental and Progress, are to be seen in the Hands of DAVID MAULE, Writer in Edinburgh, at his Writing chamber above John's Coffeehouse.

That the Roup of the Lands of MOUNT, in the Parish of Monimetal near to Coupar of Fife, which belong'd to John Louis of Merchiston; and the Lands of GLADESTANES and GREENSHEILS, lying in the Parish of Liberton, near Bigger, which belong'd to Mr. Thomas Menzies of Lethem; and a small Piece of Land in Laming-toun: ARE adjourn'd by the TRUSTEES for their Creditors, till Thursday the Twenty-fourth of December Inst. in the House of William Gray Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 4 after Noon. The Rights, Rentals, Progress, with the Writs and Conditions of Roup of the several Subjects, are to be seen in the Hands of JAMES HALLIBURTON, Writer to the Signet and Clerk to the said Trustees, at his Chamber in the Luckenbooths.

Exchequer, Nov. 19, 1730.

Notice is hereby given, by Order of the Right Honourable the BARONS OF EXCHEQUER, That they have Adjourn'd the Sale of the Arrears or Refs of the Estate of William late Earl of Seaforth, to the Third Day of February next 1731, in the EXCHEQUER COURT, at Twelve of the Clock. Particulars whereof, and of the Terms of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of the Deputy Remembrancer.

W. BOWLES, D. R. R.

